S.No.	Date of visit	Countries visited	Composition
			01 Minister of State for Parliamentary Affairs; 20 Members of Parliament; and 04 Officers

(b) Out of these four delegations, two delegations *i.e.* to (i) Russia and (ii) Bulgaria, Hungary and Romania were sent on invitations from the respective countries. However, all the delegations are sponsored in co-ordination with the Ministry of External Affairs.

Budhiraja Committee recommendations

2815. SHRI C.P. THIRUNAVUKKARASU : Will the Minister of SHIPPING be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government have received and examined the recommendations made by R.B. Budhiraja Committee on the land policy to be followed by the major port trusts;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) Government's reaction thereto;

(d) the details of the areas available under the Customs Board and outside Customs Board, Major port-wise;

(e) the revenue to be assessed by each port after leasing land under their command; and

(f) by when guidelines would be issued as per the Committee's recommendations?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SHIPPING (SHRI DILIPKUMAR MANSUKHLAL GANDHI) : (a) No, Sir.

(b) to (f) Do not arise.

Agreement of Vadinar Port

2816. SHRIMATI SAVITA SHARDA :

SHRI LALITBHAI MEHTA :

Will the Minister of SHIPPING be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that an agreement was signed and approved *vide* Government of India's letter dated 10th October, 1977 between the

Government of Gujarat and the Central Government that Vadinar would be an oil import terminal for Indian Oil Corporation only;

(b) whether it is a fact that Kandla Port Trust has granted permission to put a SBM and Jetties to Essar Oil Ltd. at Vadinar;

(c) if so, whether it is not a clear violation of the agreement entered into on the 10th October, 1977; and

(d) Government's views regarding handling over of Vadinar port to the State Government of Gujarat?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SHIPPING (SHRI DILIPKUMAR MANSUKHLAL GANDHI) : (a) No, Sir.

(b) Yes, Sir.

(c) Does not arise in view of reply to part (a) above.

(d) Vadinar was included in the limit of Kandla Port after Government of Gujarat issued notification deleting it from the limit of Minor Port of Salaya, while the Government of India issued notification for its inclusion in the limit of Kandla Major Port. Government of Gujarat, from time to time, has been requesting to revert Vadinar, by de-linking it from Kandla Port limit. By the said notifications issued by both the Governments, i.e., Government of India and Government of Gujarat, Kandla Port Trust has been vested with the jurisdiction of Vadinar Port and, thus, is under the administrative control of the Board of Trustees of the Port of Kandla. Since the Vadinar is an integral part of the Kandla Port Trust and its development has to be undertaken by Kandla Port Trust, the request of Government of Gujarat to hand over the Vadinar Port to State Government cannot be agreed to. However, Government of India had offered to Government of Gujarat for forming a joint venture company with Kandla Port and the Gujarat Maritime Board as partners for the development of Vadinar for multi-purpose use.

Utilization of approved outlay for projects

2817. SHRI GHULAM NABI AZAD : Will the Minister of SHIPPING be pleased to state :

(a) whether his Ministry had not utilised the approved outlay in time during 2002-03;